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On page two of the letterhead memorandum it is reported that Bayard Rustin told King that he wanted to bring one Robert Gilmore (phonetic) with him at the Thursday meeting in New York City. When King agreed to this, Rustin advised that he would toll Harry Wachtel that it was agreed that Gilmore could come. The meeting in question apparently refers to that of King's advisors or sometimes referred to as the "research committee."

Bufiles contain a reference to one Robert Gilmore who was reportedly born 12/10/22, Proctor, Vermont, and who was the Secretary of the New York office of the American Friends Service Committee as of 6/61. This individual is possibly identical to the Robert Gilmore who is subject of New York file 105-8921.

New York should make effort to fully identify the Poort Gilmore who may be becoming a part of the advisor group to King and should his name again come up as a participant in any of the group's meetings, he should be appropriately characterized if adverse information concerning him is available.

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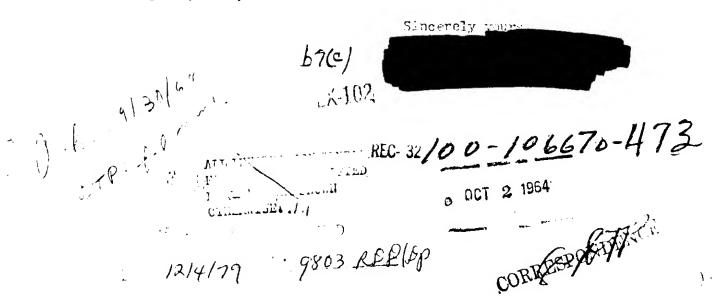
Perhaps I am asking for information which is not nermissible to be disrensed to an ordinary citizen. However, I have greatly listurbed by some impressions being passed around among some members of the church name) above of which I am the pastor.

In a recent meeting at which a guest speaker spoke to our young married people's class on the subject of "Communism", the speaker sought to implicate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as being connected with the Communist marty in America. Thile he did not say that he was a Communist, he did say that he has had connections with Communist-front organizations.

Baying heard Dr. King speak personally and having read his book or the Birmingham bas boycot, I find it extremely hard to believe that he has no such Communist connections. I have always considered Dr. King a foremost United States citizen. If he has no such connections it is not right that he should be so classed and have such suspicion cast upon him, and any such rumors should be ended.

If I am not asking for information that cannot be dispensed, I was wondering if you could send me a statement to Pr. King's standing as view of by the Federal Burcau of Investigation in regard to any Communist connections. If this information cannot be dispensed, I will understand.

Thanking you, I am,



September 30, 1964

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Your letter of September 23rd, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you suggested. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

V. Edgar Hoover

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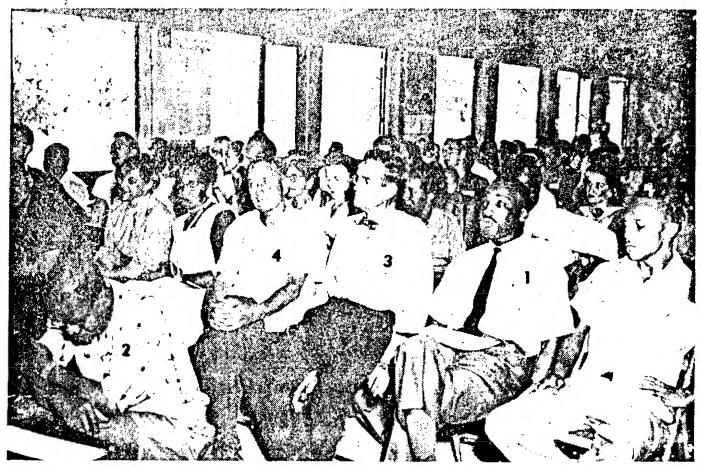
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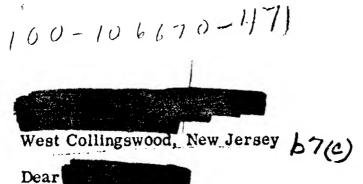
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W. Collingswood, N. J. Sept. 26, 1964

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This morning I received the enclosed article in the mail. Martin Luther King has been operating under the guise of religion. July 1 to the Roll of the sail Come

According to this article he is either a full-fledged Communist or sympathizer. I have been told Roy Wilkins, and others who speak for the Negroes are Communists.

You are the one man in this country that we rely on. We know you have the facts and tell the truth.

Before election on Nov. 3. I would like to know whether King, Wilkins, etc. are Communists because the answer is going to influence my vote.

Very truly Yours,

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P.S. From the recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court favoring Communists, I feel a thorough investigation is in order. What security do loyal citizens have when avowed traitors are favored?

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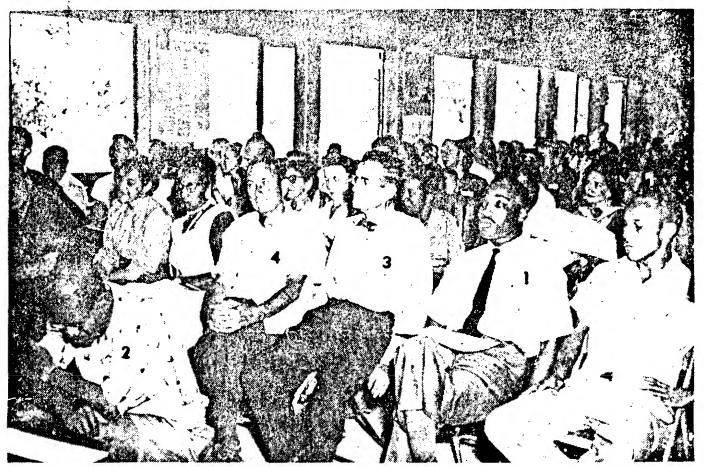
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Director, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 9/29/64

FROM :

Legat, Rome (100-0-915)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau routing slip dated 9/1/64 and Romelet dated 9/21/64.

Set out below is the translation of an article which appeared in the newspaper "L'Unita," issue of 9/22/64, an Italian language newspaper published in Rome, Italy.

London LUTHER KING: The Pope is Friend of the Negroes.

The Reverend Martin Luther King, presently in London for the launching of his last book dedicated to the racial problem entitled "Why We Cannot Wait," declared today that Great Britain also would have racial difficulties if the people do not exercise constant vigilance.

Recalling his recent audience with the Pope, King said that Pope Paul VI has never hidden his friendship for the Negroes. This meeting, added King, left him with the impression that, according to the Catholic Church, segregation is morally condemnable.

Concerning the United States, where he returns tomorrow, the Reverend King has declared that, after the approval of the civil rights law, the situation has considerably improved in the Southern States. The day is not far away, he concluded, when the barriers of segregation in the Southern States will collapse completely.

King said further that a victory by
Senator Goldwater in the Presidential election would
in America signify "one great and dark night
of social destruction." Such a victory, he
added, would signify an attempt to set back the
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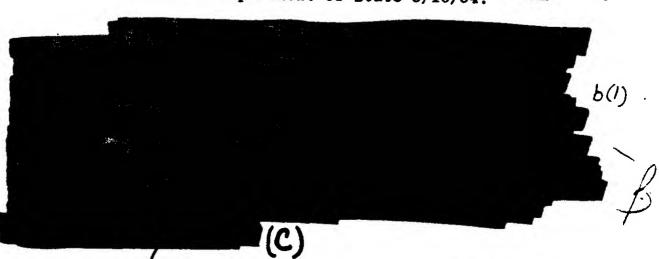
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SERAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-46230)

SUBJECT:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING: SM - C

For the information of the Bureau and Atlanta, the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin," a daily newspaper, on 9/20/64 carried a story to the effect that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING would be speaking in Philadelphia before the Greater Philadelphia Citizens Committee, 10/7/64 at 8 p.m. at Convention Hall. Topic of the meeting will be Law and Order with Dr. KING making the principal address.

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Mr John Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S.Department of Justice Building Washington D C

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#### Martin Luther King Talks With Berliners

The Rev. Martin Luther King, U.S. civil rights leader on tour in Germany, talks with members of a Berlin family whose apartment building was struck by Communist gunfire early yesterday. The border guards were firing at an escaping refugee. A woman in the house was wounded by glass

splinters when Communist bullets pierced a window pane. Story, Page 1-A. Dr. King was admitted into East Berlin without a passport last night. King had forgotten the passport but an East German border guard recognized him and allowed him to pass. King addressed overflow audiences in two churches.

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Re Bureau routing slip dated 9/1/64.

Attached for the information of the Bureau are two articles regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which appeared in the 9/18/64 and 9/19/64 issues of the "Rome Daily American," a daily English language newspaper in Rome, Italy.

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# Rev. King Has High Hopes Pope Will Aid Negro Cause

By KEN WLASCHIN (Staff Writer)

ROME, Sept. 18—The Rev. Martin Lither King, one of the outstanding Negro leaders in the U.S. civil rights struggle, has high hopes that his private interview with Pope Paul VI Friday will lead to a re-emphasized stand by the Roman Catholic Church against racism. against racism.

King, in an exclusive interview at his Rome hotel, stated that he did

not have a specific agenda for his papal interview other than explaining the status of the racial situation in the U.S. today but that he hoped they would be able to discuss it fully in relation to the Catholic Church.

"Of course, I hope that the Pope will see fit to release a statement about our talk," he explained cauabout our talk," he explained cau-tiously. "The Roman Catholic Church has already let its opposition to racism be knewn and it has been of great help to us in our work. But I think if every individual Cath-olic was made aware of the Church's stand by the Pone it would be of stand by the Pope, it would be of great assistance to the civil rights movement in the future.

King, in Europe at the invitation of West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt to open the West Berlin Arts Festito open the West Berlin Arts resurval, came to Rome specifically to see the Pope after being told he calc 12/5/19

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Could have an interview.

He will leave this weekend for London where his most recent book will be published next week. While there he will make both public and TV appearances.

King, who has made a lifelong policy fiever to engage in politics, stated that he may soon change his mind and endorse President Lyndon in the coming presidential elections.

"In a way I already have," he explained, "for I have felt it neceasary to speak out against Sen.
Goldwater. As I have said before
and will say again, his election
would be a terrific setback for the American Negro, indeed for all of America's poor. He voted against the Civil Rights Bill and he voted against the poverty bill.

"If he were elected the restless, poorer section of the Negro population would despair. Their life would be like a long, narrow cor-ridor without exits or signposts. There would undoubtedly be more

violence, more riots.

"I don't say this to condone them. I absolutely condemn violence whether it is caused by Negroes in the North or recists in the South. Violence, as I see it, is both impractical and immoral. But as a social analyst, I would say that Sen. Goldwater's election would suraly bring on new outbreaks of violence.

The 35-year-old Raptist minister then broke into a smile.
"But I don't think he will be elected," he said.

Queried about what action the civil rights leaders planned after the November elections (they have declared a "truce" during the pre-siction period), King explained that plans were still not definite.

We may decide to concentrate on some of the most difficult areas in the South where the Civil Rights Bull is not being enforced or we may work on the wider front of voter registration

"In some ways, the North a great a digger problem than the South and ungountedly demonstrations, there will continue, it has to train up the fact that problems exist. Harlem, for example will continue to be a problem until it disappears to be a problem until it disappears as a ghetto that is. But the break we di Fiariers will call for a massive outlay of money, far more than is being spent presently."

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Ring sympathized with the New York parents who have objected to having their children transported across town by bus in an effort to desegregate achools.

"But as the situation exists at the moment, the bus movement is the moment, the bus movement is the only solution possible. I think that New York parents must accept it with good will as a temporary measure and cooperate until the real causes can be rooted out. And that will take time."

The Negro leader stressed that he The Negro leader stressed that he thought real progress was being grade now in the U.S., "in fact the progress is faster than we thought it would bee Even Georgia now has two Negro state senstors and there are Negroes in positions of political power all over the U.S. I am sure that there will be a Negro in the Presidential Cabinet within four years and I think it highly like. four years and I think it highly like by that a Negro could be elected

by that a Negro could be elected president in another generation, say 25 years.

"There are many Negroes now with the qualifications," he explained," and if the tide of racial prejudice continues to recede at the present rate, there would be no reason why a Negro could not be elected."

King, who has never had any desire to go into politics, politicly refused to even think about his ever running for the office.

"My hope is that the American racial situation will become such that I can return full time to my first and still my intended work.

that I can return full time to my first and still my intended work, that of being poster of a church." Eing is presently co-paster of a church in Atlanta but his work with the civil rights movement leaves him with time for "preaching but not pasteral duties."

### Pope King 'Strong Endorsement

ROME. Sept. 19 (UPI) — Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Friday became the first U.S. Negro civil rights leader to meet with Pope Paul VI who he called "a friend of the Negro and of the cause of civil rights."

The American Negro talked with the Pope for 25 minutes about peaceful, non-violent means for adsaying, "we have a strong endorse-ment from certainly the foremost leader in the world of Christen-dom."

King said in an airport press conference before flying to Madrid that the Pope promised he would make a public declaration supporting non-violent means for advancing the cause of the Negro and of civil rights. The Pope did not say when

he would make it, however.
The Pontiff also asked King for some of his writings, and the American Negro pastor said he would send the Pope his two books, "Strength To Love," and "Why We Can't Wait."

Can't Wait."

King was in high spirits after the historic gathering. Earlier in St. Peter's Square talking to journalists he showed them a silver medal of the Ecumenical Council that the Pope had given him and quoted the Pontiff as saying. "I am a friend of the Negro people."

King said that the Pope stated himself clearly in favor of the method of non-violent action—citing his great admiration for the

citing his great admiration for the late Indian leader Gandhi Please turn to Page 16)

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"At this point I exclaimed 'I am also for non-violence'," King said.
"The Pope told me he knew it and that he admired my conduct and hoped that through this method the Negroes would acquire not only the recognition of their rights, but also the honor that must be shown to all civil persons and persons of

King joked "I can assure you this, there are new days shead when the Pope meets with a fellow with the name of Martin Luther."

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Dr. King, 35, a Baptist min-

ister, and the spiritual leader of the world's 550 million Roman Catholics, conferred in the papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace.

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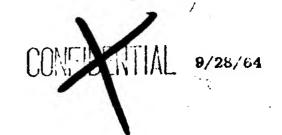


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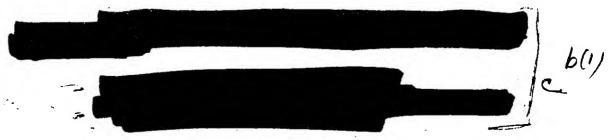
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.

The 1964 Year Book of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, shows that MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., is a member of the Executive Board of SCLC. U

KING was born December 19, 1899, in Henry County, Georgia. He is married to ALBERTA W. KING and they presently reside at 2873 Dale Creek Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. KING is currently pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where he has served since 1943.

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The "New York Times" newspaper dated May 20, 1956, page 40, column 1, described EARL BROWDER as having become Secretary of the Communist Party, MSA, in 1930 and General Secretary in 1934. BROWDER was ousted as Chairman of Communist Political Assocation in 1945 and was expelled by the Communist Party in February, 1946, according to the article.

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to his knowledge MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. was not a member of the Communist Party but believed KING, SR. would cooperate with the Communist Party for the betterment of the Negro race. There was no information available regarding activities on the part of KING which would verify information from VERNA SCOTT that KENG. SR. was a member of the Communist Party.

KANG, SR. was reportedly sympathetic to the Southern
Negro Youth Conference

The Southern Negro Youth Conference is an organization which was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. $\mathcal U$ 

KING, SR. attended a Southern Conference Educational Fund conference in Atlanta, Georgia, according to the January, 1955, issue of "The Southern Patriot" []

A Characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund is attached hereto.

made b(1) available names and addresses of persons to whom Southern Conference Educational Fund literature was mailed. Reverend MARIEN LUTHER KING, 93 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, appeared among these names and addresses.

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The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities. House Report 592. June 16, 1947.(/

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CIAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 27, 1963, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain Issues, particularly on the racial question.

On May 27, 1963, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director' of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not 12|5(7) communist principles an actual Communist Party member, because he followed

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The second source also advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.





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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, adviced on September 25, 1954, that Bayard Rustin (the organizer of the March on Washington, August, 1963) was in contact on that date with an unidentified woman. According to the source, they discussed a youth conference which was recently held in Washington, D.C. Rustin said the conference went off very well.

Rustin told the woman that he also had a meeting at the A. Philip Randolph Institute (A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO). In that regard, he said he spoke with two man from the office of George Meany (President, AFL-CIO), who were very interested in the A. Philip Randolph Institute (Washington, D.C.). In view of Meany's interest, and the fact that he (Meany) was prepared to say that the AFL-CIO was willing to give \$10,000, many other unions would fall into line, Rustin said.

Continuing, Rustin said "they" wanted him to proceed vigorously to try to get the tax exemption (for the A. Philip Randolph Institute) because "they" said at the "present time" Y

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Rustin was very high on both President Johnson's and Humphrey's list as a result of his work at Atlantic City, (during the National Democratic Convention). In view of that, Rustin said, he spoke to Joseph Raut (Vice President of the Americans for Democratic Action, ADA, and General Counsel to the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO), who said he was prepared to push the tax exemption through the Department of Justice.

The same confidential source advised on September 25, 1964, that Bayard Rustin was in contact with Martin Luther King, Jr. (President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), on that date. Among the matters considered was a speaking engagement to which King is committed for Sunday, November 11, 1964, in Newark, New Jersey. In that regard, King acid Don Newcombe (ex-major league baseball player) had contacted him about the engagement. He said he did not desire that his appear at the affair be a major speach because he had to speak in Brooklyn, New York, on the same date.

Rustin told King of a request he had received from Leon Davis (President, Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, RVDSU, AFL-CIO), that King also speak in Newark on the same day. This speech, Rustin said, would be in behalf of hospital workers in Newark who Rustin said were having a hard time with an organizing drive.

Rustin said that in addition to King's speech, that he (Rustin), A. Philip Randolph and others would be speaking as well. XV

According to the source, King got an assurance from Rustin that he would not be speaking before a political gathering, but the affair would be concerned solely with the Negro struggle. Rustin promised to furnish King with additional details when he "arrived down there next week" (to attend the SCLC conference in Savannah, beginning on September 29, 1964).

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On September 26, 1964, the same source advised that Rustin was in contact with an unidentified woman on that date. Rustin related that he had recently talked with Dr. Logan (Dr. Arthur Logan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Haryou-Act), who informed him that he (Rustin) was being considered for an appointment to the Board of Directors of Haryou-Act.

It should be noted that Haryou-Act is a combination of Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Associated Community Teams, whose purpose is to fight juvenile delinquency in Harlam.

The same source advised on September 27, 1964, that Bayand Rustin was in contact with an unidentified male on that date. Pustin said he was leaving New York City, on Tuesday, September 29, 1964, and would be gone for four days. But before he leaves the city, Rustin said he would write a statement endorsing Johnson (President Lyndon B. Johnson), which Hing would use under his own name.

Rustin then talked about the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and in this regard, listed the names of the following, who he said would be advisors: Roy Wilkins (Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP); Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the SCLC); Whitney Young (Executive Secretary, National Urban League), as well as othersat Rustin said it was very important that the public see/ tipse civil rights leaders were aligned with the Institute.

In continuing his concern for the Institute, Rustin said he was going to open an office in Harlem to handle the affairs of the Institute. He said the office would be opened in his name, not in the name of the Institute.

During their contact, Rustin told of his recent appearance before a youth conference in Washington, D.C. He said he had learned in that regard that he had made were favorable impression on representatives of the Labor Department. (apparently referring to representatives attending the conference). N

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his carnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated purshant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Anyard Austin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.



Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Dayard Rustin contacted Senjamin J. Davis on those dates

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak.



"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Sceretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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On August 4, 1948, Davis testified before the House of Representatives, Special Subcommittee of the Committee on Education and Labor at Washington, D.C. At that time, Davis refused to answer when asked if he was then or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. In his testimony, he stated that the Communist Party was helpful to the labor movement in the United States.

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By MARY MEIER

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"Sen. Goldwater is not a

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said he was impelled by the "nuclear annihilation" threatened by Goldwater and the senator's inability to "deal with the magnitude of poverty in the United States."

"Negroes will vote for the Johnson-Humphrey ticket with enthusiasm," Dr. King said.

in 1955, the same year in which levels and poverty." he received his-Ph.D. in theo-logy from Boston University—the North as much as white was in town to present his per-Southern violence and lawless-sonal papers and book manu-ness, Dr. King said peaceful million central library, to be after the election. built next year.

Accompanied by his attractive wife and a friend who has often been jailed with him as a demonstrater, Rev. Ralph Abernathy of Atlanta, Dr. King made the Boston visit a oneday stop-over en route to West Berlin, where he will deliver a keynote address for the opening of the city's 1964 arts festival dedicated to President Kennedy.

Sunday evening he will preach from the pulpit of East Berlin's Protestant cathedral.

Contained in 15 packing boxes, Dr. King's collection contains personal correspond-

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King ence with leaders like the late Jr., head of the Southern President Kennedy and Rob-Christian Leadership Conference, pledged Friday an all-him deploring the treatment

There are also letters of The calmly spoken civil vilification and threats to his rights leader told a press conference at Boston University speeches, press interviews, rethat "It is necessary to oppose cords of incoming and outgomorabilia.

"Sen. Goldwater is not a racist, but his philosophy gives aid and succor to racists."

He described the Republican nominee's "18th century" outlook as "narrow, nationalistic and "trigger-happy" and as "a threat to the security and morality of this nation."

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King declined to comment specifically on racial conditions in Boston, where he lived for three years as a graduate student, saying his schedule precluded a meeting with local civil rights leaders.

He commented only, "I'm sure Boston Negroes face the The 36-year-old Baptist min-ister who launched the first across the country — ghetto large civil-rights protest—the housing, de facto school seg-Montgomery, Ala, bus boycott regation, low employmest

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## Dr. King's Years At BU Recalled

By Richard Neff

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The noted Negro leader, who received his doctorate in sacred theology from the university in 1955, "was just not active in student affairs," recalls a professor who knew him this mately at BU.

"He had obvious strength and stature," says Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, professor of sacred theology. "His friends knew that one day he would be involved in the civil-rights cause. But as a student he seemed determined to get the finest training possible, as part of a total background for what he would be called on to do later."

Dr. DeWolf was Dr. King's major adviser, helping him plan a course of study, select a subject for his doctoral dissertation, and critically evaluating his work from week to week.

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Dr. DeWolf proposed that Dr. King's papers be presented to the university, and coordinated the project of bringing them here from Atlanta, where Dr. King is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"I went to Atlanta and sorted the papers for shipping," Dr. DeWolf notes, adding with a smile, "there are 15 cases each the size of a file

drawer."

The collection, which will be housed in BU's projected \$5,-500,000 Central Library on the Charles River campus, in-cludes letters from presidents of arts and literature, and city. civil-rights workers; manuscripts of speeches and articles;

on Washington in August, 1963.

of civil rights and social action, had overemphasized the cor-Dr. DeWolf points out. Both ruption of human nature. His faculty and students have made pessimism concerning human large contributions to these nature was not balanced by an fields.

In addition to Dr. King, another BU student who has gained national civil-rights prominence is James R. Forman, executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNICK). Mr. Forman did graduate work in 1957-58 under a grant in the African Studies Program.

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Dr. Eric Lincoln, a Negro Ph.D. graduate in 1960, has become well-known for the publication of his thesis on "The Black Muslims in the United States."

Other BU graduates have joined civil-rights battles on state and local levels. An example is the Rev. R. Edwin King, a white Mississippian who received his bachelor's degree in sacred theology from BU and recently helped lead the effort by the Freedom Democratic Party to gain seating at the recent Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

During racial tension and rioting in St. Augustine, Fla., last June, Dr. DeWolf and several other BU faculty members - went to the scene and, according to Dr. DeWolf, helped reestablish the communication between white and Negro comof the United States and other munities that eventually led to American political leaders, a racial truce in the historic prominent figures in the world city. a racial truce in the historic

'Rights' Seedbed Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, who retired last year as a proand many joited notes and fessor at the BU School of Theology, continues as president of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund of the Na-

tional Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

And so the Rev. Dr. King returns today to Boston University's "seedbed of civil-rights." ?"

He has noted in his book "Stride Toward Freedom" that Professor Chalmers and Dean Walter Muelder of the School of Theology influenced his growing concept of nonviolence. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Speech Cited The Rev. Dr. Muelder and Chalmuch about civil rights as a student," returns to Boston This may have been the germ University today to present his personal papers to the library famous speech entitled "I Have of his alma mater.

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ers with God.
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### Dr. King, Pope To Talk on Race

ATLANTA, Sept. 16 (AP) The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., now in Europe, announced through his office today that he hopes to lay the racial situation in the United States before Pope Paul VI.

The civil rights leader and Negro, spokesman disclosed that he had been granted an audience with the Pope on Friday.

A statement to the effect was issued from the head-quarters in Atlanta of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which Dr. King heads.

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September 15, 1964 100-106670-454 Indian Springs, Nevada 67(c) Your letter of September 8th has been received. With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of my Testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations my Testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on January 29, 1964. On page 40 you will find my remarks withing regard to communist interest in Negro activities.

Sincerely yours, D. Edgar, Hooning OTHERWISE. Enclosure FBI 1965 Appropriation NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. DFC:ems

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. H oover:

It has been revealed to me several times from literary sources and every day conversation that many of the civil rights demonstrations are in great part a result of a communistic stimulus. I have also come across many articles which have indicated that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is in some way connected with communism in America, along with many other civil rights leaders.

If this is true, you would honor me greatly by confirming this and perhaps rendering a brief d issertation on Dr. King's communist a ssociations. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,



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Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

As an Anti-Communist American citizen, I would very much like information on an article sent me, taken from the Augusta Courier of Aug. 31, 1964. This article lists several names as those of Communists or belonging to Communist fronts. Would you please check the individuals whom the F.B.I. have found to be Communists?

Also, is Bayard Rustin, assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, listed as a Communist?

And, finally, do you have lists of known Communists available for public use? I would very much like such a list for my own use in working against Communism. Thank you very much.

Palmer, Nebraska

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ro : Mr. W. C. Sullivan i

DATE: 9-8-64

FROM

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Reference is made to my memorandum to you in this matter dated August 31, 1964, in which the Director approved the recommendation to have Assistant Director Malone orally brief concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.'s communist connections and to avoid the possibility of having the Fope grant an audience to king in connection with his proposed visit to Rome later this month.

Malone was briefed in this matter and told to stress two things in his contact with the should stress of course the confidential nature of our briefing so that the Bureau would not be drawn into the picture, and, secondly, to ascertain if the could take the necessary action so that if he could not, we could take appropriate steps through other channels.

Malone called today and stated that he had discussed the situation with over the weekend and he said that took instant steps to advise the Vatican against granting any audience to King. He stated that assured him that he would respect the confidential nature of the information and added that was most pleased and gratified that the Director thought enough of him to take him into his confidence and to rely upon him to handle such a delicate matter.

that the Pope is not placed in an embarrassing position through any contact with King.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

1 - Mr. Belmont

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Reference Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated August 21, 1964, and Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated August 27, 1964.

Sentember 15, 1964, Baltimore, Maryland, was recontacted, with reservence to records of registrations and long-distance calls for period August 20-25, 1964. He advised that same were being processed as rapidly as possible, and he would furnish this office desired information at earliest practicable date.

Baltimore will upon receipt of the information set out appropriate leads.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bu 100-442529

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York September 10, 1964



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A confidential source, tho has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 8, 1954, that Thomas Kahn and Bayard Rustin were in contact on that date. Rustin informed him that he (Rustin), Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and Wilkins (Roy Wilkins, E.ecutive Secretary of the National Advancement for Colored People, NAACP) have been invited by the National Council of Churches to attend a conference on Thursday, September 10, 1964, in New York City. The conference, Rustin said, will be for the purpose of allowing them (Rustin, King and Vilkins) to evaluate the work of the Freedom Democratic Party./

Rustin also informed Kahn that he had been invited by the National Council of Churches to accompany Doctor Eugene Carson Blake (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church) to Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday, September 17, 1964. Rustin said he would talk to church leaders while in Cleveland. Rustin said he thought that type of action was growing and was very important. 1/

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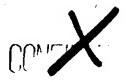
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1951, that Thomas D vid Kahn admitted being a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) from 1957 to 1961 and a member of the National Elecutive Committee of the YPSL during the same period. For characterization of (YPSL), dee attached characterization of Young Socialist Lesgue. In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11 - 18, 1954, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for Young Communist League (YCL) and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party . Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the Party in 1941, the article states. 4

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.00

The "Daily Morker", February 11, 1957, page one, column two, reported that
Bayard Rustin, Elecutive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 15th National Convention, Communist Party of United States of America (CPUSA), February 9-12,1957, held in New York Cityu

The 'Daily Worker' was an east coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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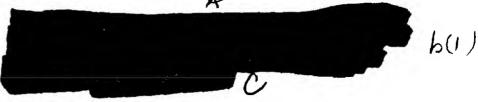


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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1954, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to whom Rustin was to speak. W. U



"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, Column four, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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## YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

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The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL. M

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL them proceeded to change its name for its own purposes. \$\mu\$

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:  $\chi_{\ell}$ 

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL, (

All confidential sources mentioned herein have furnished reliable information in the past. L

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The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York Gity and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League." (

The YPUL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

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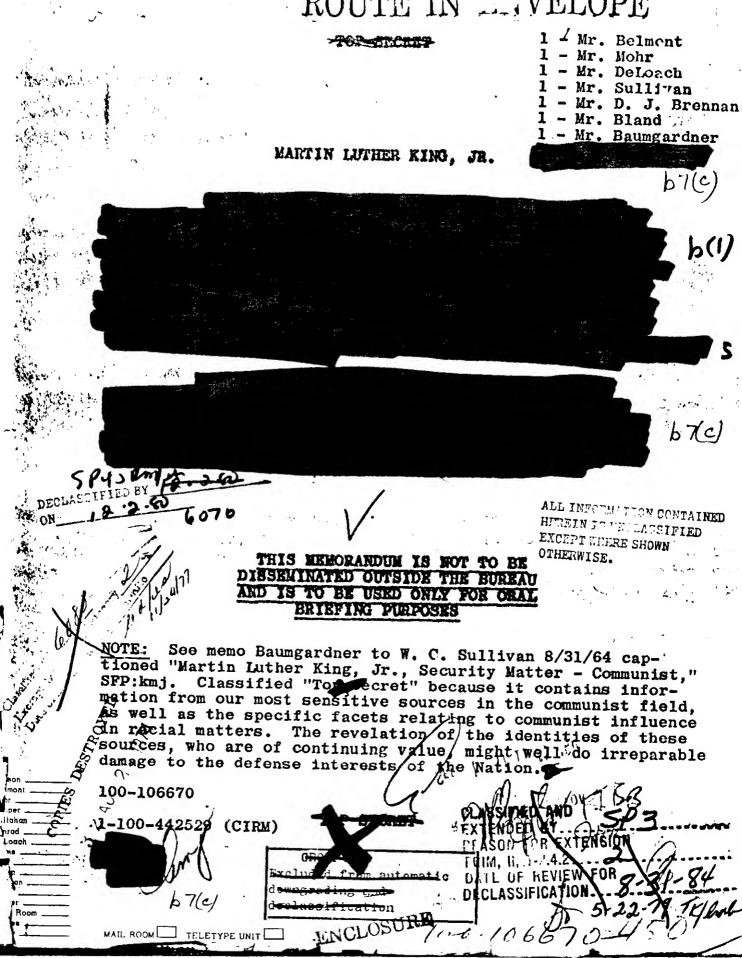


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in accordance with the attached

"To Secret" summary indicating King's communist connections and

(This is the same summary we previously used

in preventing King's receiving an honorary degree from Marquette

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ically briefing Malone. This matter should receive most expeditious

handling because of the time element involved.

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Director, FBI (100-442529)

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ReATairtel 9/4/64, copies to New York, captioned "CIRM; Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C" and enclosed letterhead memorandum of same date,

It was reported that Martin Luther King, Jr., and some of his associates are in the process of preparing an article which is to be submitted to "The Saturday Evening Post" for possible publication. While it is indicated that the article will deal with certain matters such as the Poverty Bill, elections, riots and the so-called "backlash" there is no definite indication as to the line which the article will follow or the stands which King will take in the article. It is King's intention to have the article : published before the forthcoming national elections.

Receiving offices should be extremely alert to obtain all available information concerning the article in question and specifically what its contents will be. Keep the Bureau promptly advised so that interested Government agencies and officials may be apprised.

It is noted that King is considering having a meeting with some of his advisors in New York City, 9/22/64 concerning the article. New York should consider necessary coverage for the purpose of identifying the persons with whom King will meet. Be alert to information which will be available through your established sensitive sources just subsequent to such meeting as the sources are! likely to divulge contents of the article.

- New York (100-153735) (1)- 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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#### NOTE:

We are disseminating the information contained in the letterhead memorandum to the Department, Secret Service, and military intelligence agencies. As soon as we are able to obtain any definite information as to what line King intends to take in his article we will furnish such information to the White House. RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. RELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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